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99. The minimally invasive surgical method of Claim 95 wherein the surgical end effector member comprises a structure selected from the group consisting of retractors, electrosurgical cutters, electrosurgical coagulators, forceps, needle holders, scissors, blades, and irrigators.

100. The minimally invasive surgical method of Claim 77 wherein said surgical instrument includes a tactile feedback member supported by said end effector member.

101. The method of Claim 93 wherein said surgical instrument includes a tactile feedback member supported by said end effector member.

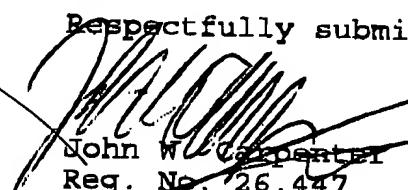
102. The minimally invasive surgical method of Claim 100 additionally comprising reproducing tactile sensation on hands of the operator at the control station.

103. The minimally invasive surgical method of Claim 101 additionally comprising reproducing tactile sensation on hands of the operator at the control station.

REMARKS

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at (415) 576-0200.

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